

**Regular Meeting
January 28, 2020**

Opening

Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m. School Board President Jessica Marelli called the January 28, 2020, Caesar Rodney School District regular meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mrs. Marelli were Vice-President Mr. Michael Marasco, Mr. Dave Failing, Dr. Joyce Denman, Lt. Col. Michael Morales, Base Liaison, and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald. Mr. P. Scott Wilson was not present.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Marasco made a motion to adopt the January 28, 2020 agenda and the addendum as presented. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Marasco made a motion to approve the November 25, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Mr. P. Scott Wilson was present for the presentations.

Presentations

Presentation

Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Principal Caesar Rodney High School, introduced their Patient Care Technician High School Pathway through the Delaware Technical and Community College. This is a pilot program and grant-funded. She shared a presentation on the rising juniors going through the 600-hour certification program. The program began this fall and the students are doing very well. CRHS is going to have a second cohort for this program. One student was present and shared her personal experience. Discussion took place regarding the opportunities this program is providing to our graduates.

Recognition

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance was congratulated on his retirement and thanked for his years of service to the Caesar Rodney School District. Mr. Kessel thanked everyone for their support during his time with the District. President Marelli wished Mr. Kessel luck and stated he will be missed.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

- Dr. Fitzgerald wished everyone Happy Lunar New Year (Year of the Mouse/Rat) unfortunately due to circumstances taking place in China, the Chinese New Year Celebration at Del State that was to be held this Saturday has been canceled.

- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Scott Kessel for the job he has done in making us a better district. He wished him all the best, but until February 14th – we still have work to do.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked Chef Senn and her class for providing the Board dinner. It is my understanding that Chef Senn has been named Pro-Start National Coach of the Year.
- Dr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that Allen Frear Elementary School has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Starke, Kent Construction and Studio JAED for the tour of the new construction.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked the students who are involved in the CNA program at Del-Tech for their presentation.
- Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated Monroe Hite, CRHS senior, for receiving the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 37th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 20th, 2020. Dr. Fitzgerald thanked the Jr. ROTC Color Guard for presenting the colors at the breakfast.
- Dr. Fitzgerald shared that Karen Jordan Class of '87 and currently the Senior Vice President of Planning, Commercialization, and Strategy for PEPSICO'S North American Beverage Business was selected by the seniors as this year's commencement speaker.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked Mrs. Tara Faircloth and her team for putting together T3. The sessions along with our guest speaker Jonathon Mooney was well received.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked the high school administration and our SRO for their swift handling of a gun situation last week. As safe as we try to make our schools there are sections of the greater CR communities that are not safe and sometimes the two overlap. Dr. Fitzgerald reassured the Board and the community that we remain vigilant and that school board policy regarding weapons in schools is being adhered to.
- Dr. Fitzgerald brought to the Board's attention that he has been contacted by members of the state legislature regarding the Cafeteria policy over students who do not have sufficient funds for lunch. As a reminder elementary students receive three free lunches and reminders are sent home before a student is provided with an alternative meal. At the secondary level, students automatically receive an alternative meal. There is an objection to the alternative meal and a claim that it's, in fact, food shaming. He stated it is not the intent. We continue to encourage parents to fill out the free and reduce form online or come to the District office for assistance. We also have a new recording to remind parents a week before the account runs dry reminding them that the account is running low and we also inform parents that if an emergency occurs, they can contact us and we will provide assistance. We are committed to providing our students with the nourishment to help them learn. That is why our prices for lunch are some of the lowest in the state and why we have the most vibrant summer meal programs. In April, we will make an application to see if the district is eligible for free or reduced meals for all students. What we don't want or expect is the state legislature to mandate that we pay out of local funds for all students to receive free meals. The cost would be high for our local taxpayers. It is not a unique issue for Caesar Rodney. It is a state-wide issue.
- Dr. Fitzgerald is also concerned over the state legislature passing a law mandating that school should start after Labor Day. He shared the cost for daycare, the later calendar year end date, and the hit the local economy would take just doesn't justify taking away local control from school boards. Labor Day is late this year on September 7th.
- Dr. Fitzgerald will have the District's Mid-Year Evaluation with opportunity funding focus with Dr. Bunting. He expects that we will do well and he will inform the Board of the result of the meeting.
- Dr. Fitzgerald shared that on Saturday, Feb. 1st, the high school will host the District's Black History Celebration at 6 pm. He stated that next week is School Counselor's Week and he would like to thank them for the work that they do to help our students. There will be a proclamation for them in February.
- Dr. Fitzgerald also shared his prediction for the Super Bowl.

School Board

Dr. Denman attended the T3 Expo and was very impressed with the sessions. There were several she wanted to attend but could only attend three. She congratulated the Unified Basketball Team on their undefeated season.

Mr. Failing enjoyed the dinner this evening and he also attended the T3 Expo and thought it was awesome. He also thanked Mr. Starke and crew for the tour of the construction sites. He stated he was proud that Kent Construction is operated by CR grads. He personally thanked Mr. Kessel for his wonderful service to the district.

Public Comments

Mrs. Howe addressed the Board. She stated she is new to Delaware and has come from New Jersey. She spoke to the Board regarding her son wanting to be homeschooled. She expressed concern over the safety of the students and staff. She also stated her son is very quiet and is not used to other students carrying weapons in the school. He won't speak up because he is afraid. Mrs. Marelli stated that all members of the School Board take the recent incident very seriously. Mrs. Howe also expressed concern about the current gun laws in DE.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Marasco made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which is to discuss personnel and extra-duty positions. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

At 9:26 p.m. Mr. Marasco made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Action Items

Personnel Matters

A. EPER Committee

The Board tabled the EPER Committee's recommendations.

Dr. Denman made a motion to table the EPER Committee recommendations. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

B. Personnel Matters

The Board approved Personnel Matters as presented on the agenda and the addendum.

1. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Courtney Cochran	WRB	Elementary	Temporary appointment effective 12/16/2019-6/30/2020.
Jackson Levins	JSC	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/6/2020-6/30/2020.
Samantha Lahman-Quillen	ILC	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/6/2020-6/30/2020.
Bridget Kreitzer	CRHS	English	Temporary appointment effective 1/7/2020-6/30/2020.
Megen Kelly	CRHS	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/9/2020-6/30/2020.
Carroll Mowery	AFE	Elementary	Retirement effective end of 2019-2020 SY.
Tamara Brandner	WRB	Speech-Language Pathologist	Retirement effective end of 2019-2020 SY.
Destiny Pennington	FMS	Special Education	Resignation effective 1/18/2020.
Hailey George	CRHS	English	Resignation effective 1/18/2020.
Sabra Collins	CRHS	PE/ Health	Resignation effective 12/21/2019.
Vanessa Sandlin	CRHS	Music/Band	Retirement effective end of 2019-2020 SY.
DuWane Sandlin	CRHS	Music/Band	Retirement effective end of 2019-2020 SY.

Aleya Cummings	CRHS	Mathematics	Temporary appointment effective 2/3/2020-6/30/2020.
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2. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Carolyn Talerico	CRHS	Paraprofessional	Resignation effective 1/18/2020.
Adam Brown	PMS	Paraprofessional	Resignation effective 1/11/2020.
Janelle Hicks	ILC	Paraprofessional	Temporary appointment effective 2/3/2020-6/30/2020.
Brandon Ramsdell	JSC	Paraprofessional	Temporary appointment effective 1/27/2020-6/30/2020.

3. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Mary Beth Eisenbrey	DO	Financial Secretary	Appointment effective 1/21/2020.
Jane Simonsen	PMS	Financial Secretary	Appointment effective 2/3/2020.
Ellen Sams	DO	Financial Secretary	Retirement effective 4/1/2020.
Brenda Frazer	FMS	Financial Secretary	Retirement effective 7/1/2020.

4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Darnell Barnes	WBS	Custodial Fireman	Retirement effective 1/18/2020.

5. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Monique Worthington	MCI	4.0hr General Worker	Resignation effective 12/20/2019.
Diane Metsch	CRHS	3.5hr General Worker	Resignation effective 1/6/2020.
Ja'Quasia Reid Norwood	NHS	3.0hr General Worker	Appointment effective 1/7/2020.
Sherrie Reed	DO	Financial Secretary	Appointment effective 12/23/2019.
Erlinda Sao	MCI	3.0 General Worker/Aide	Resignation effective 1/7/2020.
Jill Coleman	MCI	Cook	Retirement effective end of 19-20 SY.

6. Other Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Employee #12820			Termination effective 1/29/2020.

7. CREA Travel Request

Name	School	Position	Action
Scott Myers	CRHS	Teacher	To attend the 2019 United Soccer Coaches Convention, Baltimore, MD 1/16/20-1/19/2020.
Laura Barnas	PMS	Teacher	To attend the ITEEA Conference, Baltimore MD 3/11/20-3/14/2020.
Michael Kenny	AFE	Teacher	To attend National Art Educators Assoc. Conference, Minneapolis, MN 3/25/20-3/28/2020.8.

8. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Activity	Position	Action
Jeffrey Gravatt	CRHS	Baseball	Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Zach Candeloro	CRHS	Baseball	Assistant Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Matt Millman	CRHS	Baseball	Jr Varsity Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Jared Lelito	CRHS	Baseball	Jr Varsity Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
John Newman	CRHS	Golf	Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
William (Brooks) Johnson	CRHS	Lacrosse/Boys	Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Ryne (Bubba) Johnson	CRHS	Lacrosse/Boys	Assistant Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Brendon Butler	CRHS	Lacrosse/Boys	Jr Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Catherine Beron	CRHS	Lacrosse/Girls	Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Georgina Voss	CRHS	Lacrosse/Girls	Assistant Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Rebecca Handel	CRHS	Lacrosse/Girls	Jr Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Dwayne Lavender	CRHS	Soccer/Girls	Assistant Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Scott Myers	CRHS	Soccer/Girls	Jr Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Cristine Taylor	CRHS	Soccer/Girls	JV Assistant	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Skye Boris	CRHS	Softball	Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Gerald Curd	CRHS	Softball	Assistant Varsity Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Lauren Ruskey	CRHS	Softball	Jr Varsity	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Art Carney	CRHS	Softball	JV Assistant Co-Coach (split stipend)	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Megan Loder	CRHS	Softball	JV Assistant Co-Coach (split stipend)	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Brian Berns	CRHS	Spring Weight Program	Training	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
James Harvey	CRHS	Tennis/Boys	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Jackson Levins	CRHS	Unified Track	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Angela Woody	CRHS	Unified Track	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Lauren Niezgoda	CRHS	Varsity Field Hockey	Head Coach	Recommendation for Fall Sports SY 20-21
Nicole Johnson	CRHS	Varsity Volleyball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Fall Sports SY 20-21
Breanna Holtz	CRHS	Varsity Volleyball	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Fall Sports SY 20-21
Rachelle Allen	CRHS	Basketball/Girls	Asst. Varsity Coach	Recommendation for Winter Sports SY19-20

Laulewasika Bendolph	ABMS	Baseball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Tecumseh Bendolph	ABMS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Frank Victory	ABMS	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Krista Durbano	ABMS	Track/Co-Ed	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Angie Garza	ABMS	Track/Co-Ed	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Amy Laslow	ABMS	Student Publications	Yearbook	Recommendation for SY2019-20
Melissa Wich	ABMS	Softball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Ashley Caverly	ABMS	Softball	Asst. Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Avon Jones	ABMS	Softball	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Matthew Faircloth	FMS	Lacrosse	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Drew Hughes	FMS	Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Charles Wilt	FMS	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Christine Kirk	FMS	Soccer/Girls	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Patrick Analore	FMS	Softball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Sarah Smith	FMS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
John Wright	FMS	Track/Co-Ed	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Allison Gerni	FMS	Track/Co-Ed	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Tammy Kelly	FMS	Track/Co-Ed	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Ken Lott	PMS	Baseball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Sean Armstrong	PMS	Baseball	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Mark Crossley	PMS	Lacrosse	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Michael Warren	PMS	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Kristen Finley	PMS	Soccer/Girls	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Keith McCarthy	PMS	Softball	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
John Downs	PMS	Softball	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Raykeem Ward	PMS	Track/Co-Ed	Head Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Ja'kim Cohen	PMS	Track/Co-Ed	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Donsha Castro	PMS	Track/Co-Ed	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20
Katie Wisniewski	PMS	Athletic Director	Athletic Director	Recommendation for SY2019-20

Kenneth Gordon (2nd half of season)	PMS	Wrestling	Assistant Coach	Recommendation for Winter Sports SY19-20
Chris Hurd	JSC	Baseball	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Spring Sports SY19-20

9. Administrator Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Scott Kessel	DO	Director of Business and Finance	Retirement effective 2/15/2020.

Dr. Denman made a motion to accept Personnel Matters B.1 – B.9 as presented on the agenda and the addendum. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Routine Business

Student Travel

The Board approved Student Travels as presented on the agenda and addendum.

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
Disney World Candlelight Processional- Choral Department	Wednesday, 12/2/2020- Saturday, 12/5/2020	Orlando, FL
Philadelphia Museum of Art- Adv. Art, French III, and AP French students	Friday, 5/22/2020	Philadelphia, PA
Arundel Invitational- Academic Bowl	Saturday, 2/22/2020	Gambrills, MD

Dover Air Base Middle School

Event	Date	Location
State Leadership Conference- Business Professional of America (BPA) students	Wednesday, 2/26/2020	Wilmington, DE

Fred Fifer III Middle School

Event	Date	Location
Best Buddies DE Buddy Ball- Best Buddies Students	Friday, 1/24/2020	Wilmington, DE
Sky Zone Reward Day- 7 th Grade Students who earned passing grades in all classes for 3 rd MP	Week of 4/6/2020 (Split into two groups)	Newark, DE

F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School

Event	Date	Location
State Leadership Conference- Business Professional of America (BPA) students	Wednesday, 2/26/2020	Wilmington, DE

Star Hill Elementary School

Event	Date	Location
Hagley Museum- 1st, 2 nd and 3 rd Grade Students (Split into five trips by grade level)	Week of 2/11/2020 (Five dates: 2/11/2020, 2/12/2020, 2/13/2020, 2/19/2020 and 2/20/2020)	Wilmington, DE
Blue Coats Basketball Game- 5 th Grade Students	Wednesday, 3/11/2020	Wilmington, DE

John S. Charlton School

Event	Date	Location
Herr's Potato Chip Factory- FMS, PMS, and	Wednesday 5/27/2020	Nottingham, PA

Mr. Marasco made a motion to accept Student Travel as presented on the agenda and the addendum. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Gifts to Schools

Dr. Denman made a motion to accept Gifts to Schools as presented on the agenda and the addendum. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

- a. The John S. Charlton School received \$1,200 from High Tide Lab.
- b. The John S. Charlton School received various Christmas gifts/toys (Value \$500) from New U Nutrition.
- c. The District Office received coats, hats, and gloves from the Wyoming Methodist Church for students in need.
- d. The District Office received a donation of basic need items valued at \$150 from the Hartly Ruritan Club for students in need.
- e. The Caesar Rodney School District Instruction Department received the following items for the T3 Expo:
 - a. T-shirts (Value \$1,498.20) from CDI Computers
 - b. Acer Chromebook from HGCI
 - c. Arlo 2 Wire-Free HD Security Cameras from Advantech
 - d. Samsung Chromebook from Airwave technologies
- f. F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School received a donation towards anew teacher cart from Mr. & Mrs. Justin Hodges.
- g. F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School received a \$200 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Indarajit Lakhani.
- h. F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School received a set of Sony Bass Headphones for their winter reading contest winner from Achieve 3000.
- i. Major George S. Welch Elementary School received soft seats (set of six) from Donor's Choose via Missy Snyder.
- j. Star Hill Elementary School received \$1,000 from Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance.

Policy Matters

2019-20 School Choice Recommendations

Mr. Marasco made a motion to accept the 2019-20 School Choice recommendations as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Fiscal Matters

Budget/Fiscal Reports

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/Support Services, explained the monthly fiscal reports.

Mr. Marasco made a motion to accept the Budget/Fiscal Reports as presented on the agenda. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2019

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/Support Services, explained the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2019.

Dr. Denman made a motion to accept the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2019, as presented on the agenda. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Facilities Matters

Mr. Ken Starke explained the change order for Caesar Rodney High School as listed on the agenda.

Change Order #	Contractor	Amount/Increase	Amount/Decrease
#007-Steel Lintel at locker room credit, Mechanical room changes, Mechanical room drain & stadium entry trim, and Floor change credit	Kent Construction	\$74,255.53	

Mr. Marasco made a motion to accept the Change Order #007 from Kent Construction for Caesar Rodney High School as presented on the agenda. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Dr. Fitzgerald asked about the change orders for the high school. Mr. Starke stated we are at about 65-70% and the change orders are in an acceptable range. The budget was also discussed. The scoreboard placement was discussed. Mr. Starke gave an update on the high school progress. Furniture should be moved in July. Dr. Kijowski stated the Kent Construction has been very accommodating to students and staff during the construction process.

Becker Morgan was also present for questions regarding the David E. Robinson Elementary School and explained the change orders.

Change Order #	Contractor	Amount/Increase	Amount/Decrease
#003- Field bulletin #1: Door changes, generator changes, change tectum panel to fabric panel, lighting changes #004-Field bulletin #3: Structural revisions. #005- Structural revisions. #006- Field bulletin #4: Fire alarm voice annunciation. #007- Change exhaust fan 4 from down blast to up blast. #008 Credit change cast-iron underground to PVC. #010- Field bulletin #6: Door changes, reflected ceiling plan changes, lighting changes, ductwork changes. #012- Install conduits underground for DP & L electric.	Richard Y. Johnson and Son, Inc.	\$82,236.68	

Dr. Fitzgerald asked about these change orders and if they should have been previously included. Becker Morgan explained the changes being made to steel revisions were on a recommendation. They discussed the change orders in further detail and stated the costs to the district are being considered. Dr. Fitzgerald and President Marelli questioned the change orders and should they have been considered earlier in the process. Dr. Fitzgerald asked about the building's progress. We are between 20-25% and change orders are in an acceptable range. Dr. Failing shared his concern with the Advantech change order. DP & L was also discussed.

Mr. Failing made a motion to accept the Change Orders #003, #004, #007, #008, #010, and #012 Richard Y. Johnson and Son, Inc. for Dave E. Robinson Elementary School as presented on the agenda. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Discussion Items

Directors' Reports

Directors' reports, which include their Supervisors' reports, were included for the Board's review.

President Marelli asked for an update on the district's three constables. Dr. Tamara Toles-Torain spoke on the constables' school commission. She stated who the constables were and their assigned locations. Further training was also discussed.

President Marelli asked about the understaffed vans and buses. Mr. Kessel stated we have been able to recruit. Hiring a mechanic was also discussed. The transportation department staff was also mentioned.

President Marelli was happy to see ASL (American Sign Language) services becoming available. Mr. Kevin Thompson is excited about American Sign Language services being offered in the state. Dr. Fitzgerald also shared that we may consider offering Hindi as a new world language option. The University of DE currently accepts this as a world language.

Advertisements: School Property

Advertising on school property was discussed. Dr. Fitzgerald stated athletic programs advertise in their programs, and they are advertisement in the yearbook, etc. Different programs/events may be advertised with the Superintendent's approval. CRHS has an advertising capability on the score table kiosk which has a direct phone number available where anyone can place an ad. This is not currently active. A coach agreed to post advertisements on the gym wall without proper approval. This advertisement was for an elective official. Dr. Fitzgerald stated this could open us up to having other political ads or other inappropriate ads. Mr. Marasco asked for clarification on flyers posted in the gym and the electronic scoreboard advertising. Dr. Fitzgerald explained the difference. He then stated the Board has an understanding regarding advertising but there is no policy in place. Dr. Fitzgerald shared some statistics and policies from other school districts in the state. The previous CRHS scoreboard included local business advertising information. Having sponsors with advertising can be a way to make money but the district could be obligated to promote the business. Dr. Fitzgerald recommends the Board pre-approve any ads that are in the schools. Mr. Failing stated local businesses often advertise with us in the yearbook, etc. Dr. Fitzgerald stated he continues to share flyers/advertisements requests he receives with the Parent Advisory Committee for their opinion. Mr. Wilson asked about the agreement with the ad agency. Mr. Wilson then stated the School Board needs to be in control and coaches or a third party vendor should not have the control. Dr. Kijowski stated she understands the third party agency agreement was made a few years ago with the purchase of a new scoreboard where the advertising sold pays for the scoreboard. Mr. Wilson stated we need to see the actual contract and review this quickly. Dr. Fitzgerald stated we will turn the scoreboard back on to avoid any breach of contract until we can thoroughly review the contract. Mr. Failing stated he believes it was an oversight, but agrees it should not have happened. He suggested the Board have a simple policy requiring Board pre-approval should be in place.

Executive Session

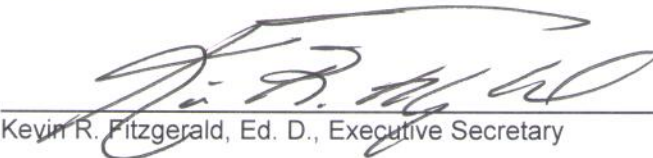
At 10:32 p.m. Mr. Marasco made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

At 11:16 p.m. Mr. Marasco made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

At 11:17 p.m. Mr. Marasco made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary
2/18/12
Date

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